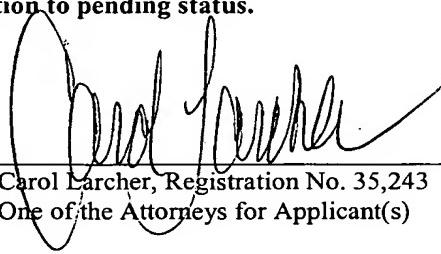


U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.491		ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. P1705US
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US2003/01098		U.S. APPLICATION NO. 10/500,235
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 14 January 2003 (14.01.2003)		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 14 January 2003 (14.01.2003)
TITLE OF INVENTION MAGNETICALLY DETECTABLE LATEX ARTICLES		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Lucas et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.491.		
2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.		
3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below		
4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).		
5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))		
a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).		
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.		
c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).		
6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).		
a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.		
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).		
7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))		
a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).		
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c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.		
d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.		
8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).		
9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).		
10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.		
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12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.		
13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.		
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17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.		
18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).		
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20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: International Search Report; return receipt postcard		

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20. The following fees are submitted: <input type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee.....\$300.00 <input type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee.....\$200.00 <input type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee.....\$500.00				
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00				
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.				
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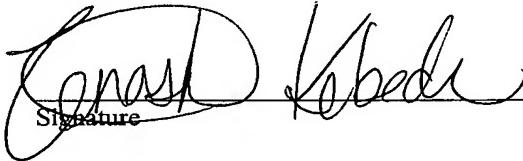
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I hereby certify that this express request to begin national examination procedures under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) of the International Patent Application referenced above, including all of the items listed thereon as enclosures, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Attention: DO/EO/US, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

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